

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS
[English]

Export Processing Zones

*121. **SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS:**
DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have set up Export Processing Zones in the country.
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken so far to set up one such zone in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of the Export Processing Zones set up by the Government are as below:-

1. Kandla Free Trade Zone, Gandhidham, Gujarat.
2. Santacruz Electronics Export Processing Zone, (SEEPZ), Bombay.
3. Madras Export Processing Zone, Madras.
4. Falta Export Processing Zone, Falta (West Bengal).
5. Noida Export Processing Zone, Noida (Uttar Pradesh).
6. Cochin Export Processing Zone, Cochin (Kerala).

7. Visakhapatnam Export Processing Zone, Visakhapatnam (presently under development).

(c) At present there is no proposal for setting up an Export Processing Zone in Orissa.

[Translation]

Assistance to SCs/STs and Backward Classes

*123. **SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV:**
SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to provide assistance or bank loans to the Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes and other backward classes for removing poverty in various States during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount proposed to be spent by the Government on this scheme, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c). The Public Sector Banks are under instructions of the Government and Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to extend financial assistance to weaker sections of the society and to Scheduled Castes (SC)/Scheduled Tribes (ST) beneficiaries on an ongoing basis. In the various Schemes/Programmes of the Government to promote self-employment ventures, the following targets have been prescribed for weaker sections of the society and SC/ST beneficiaries in the matter of lending by Public Sector Banks: